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## OFBCI makes 'One Stop Shop' available to Indiana nonprofits

Indianapolis, Indiana – Governor Mitch Daniels' <u>Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives</u> (<u>OFBCI</u>) is taking the lead in working with Indiana state government agencies, announcing a "<u>One Stop Shop Resource</u>" for Indiana's faith-based and community-based nonprofits. This tool is among the first of its kind in the nation, utilizing digital media and web capabilities to provide the newest information and connections to opportunities within the state. The OFBCI demonstrated use of the web portal at a public information session held November 2, at the offices of the American Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis.

"Our 'One Stop Shop portal' brings together, in one location, the grant, contract, and volunteer opportunities from many agencies—for our faith and community organizations to use," said Jim Huston, Executive Director of OFBCI. "Our state government agency partners have been hugely supportive: together we have made state government more accessible for Hoosiers."

"It's a win-win," <u>Indiana Faith-Based Advisory Council</u> member, Curt Smith added. "This tool that OFBCI unveiled today will increase both the knowledge of what state government needs from community partners and the pool of nonprofit vendors willing to step up and secure opportunities to help their community. I compliment OFBCI and its staff for putting this together."

The One Stop Shop web portal will serve as a hub for nonprofits to obtain information about grant funding, contracts, and volunteer opportunities as they become available via state agencies. The OFBCI has partnered with 14 state agencies to increase the accessibility of resources and openings for partnership between state and nongovernmental entities.

Community-based and faith-based organizations provide an array of services, from the most basic to vital assistance, to individuals and families across Indiana. This resource enhances OFBCI's portfolio of new media channels and engagement opportunities, and provides another step forward in maximizing the agency's transparency and accessibility.

Additional details about the One Stop Shop web portal, its contents, and OFBCI's utilization of new media, can be obtained by visiting <a href="http://in.gov/ofbci/2602.htm">http://in.gov/ofbci/2602.htm</a> or by calling Derek Trovillion at 317-234-4031.

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If you would like more information about the OFBCI, the One Stop Shop web portal, or to schedule and interview, please contact Derek Trovillion at 317-234-4031.